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TURKEY.

Cholera at Damascus.

Consul Ravndal at Beirut reports, January 12, as follows: While the cholera has disappeared from Tiberias and the vicinity of Tabor, and also from the Jordan Valley, leaving, however, the districts of Jinin and Nablus, in Samaria, still infected, the epidemic seems now to have reached Damascus, and a quarantine of ten days has been established by the Lebanon and Beirut authorities against arrivals from the "White City." Reports are utterly conflicting as to the number of deaths from cholera in Damascus. Official statements can not be relied upon, and private advices differ. I am safe, however, I believe, in stating that the epidemic actually has reached Damascus, and that in all probability it will carry off several hundred of the inhabitants before it proceeds to Homs, Hamath, and perhaps Aleppo. It is generally expected here that the epidemic will be extinct in this region before the tourist season opens about March 1, proximo.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

BRAZIL—Ceara.—Month of December, 1902. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 62; including 4 from enteric fever.

Pernambuco.—Month of December, 1902. Estimated population, 200,000. Total number of deaths, 450; including enteric fever, 7; smallpox, 16; and 88 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CANADA—Winnipeg.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, not reported. Three deaths from diphtheria, 2 from enteric fever, and 3 from scarlet fever reported.

FRANCE—St. Etienne.—Two weeks ended January 15, 1903. Estimated population, 146,559. Total number of deaths, 136; including diphtheria 1, and 15 from tuberculosis.

GERMANY—Hanover.—Month of November, 1902. Estimated population, 245,534. Total number of deaths, 253; including 9 from infectious diseases.

GREAT BRITAIN—England and Wales.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended January 24, 1903, correspond to an annual rate of 20.1 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,075,023.

London.—One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 48; scarlet fever, 11; diphtheria, 18; whooping cough, 96; enteric fever, 11, and diarrhea, 22. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 20.9 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,512 deaths were registered. In the

“outer ring” the deaths included 7 from diphtheria, 3 from measles, 1 from scarlet fever, 10 from whooping cough, and 1 from diarrhea.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended January 24, 1903, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 28.6 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,093,289. The lowest rate was recorded in Lurgan, viz, 4.4, and the highest in Dundalk, viz, 87.7 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs, 211 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 3; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2; smallpox, 1, and 34 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended January 24, 1903, correspond to an annual rate of 24.6 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,702,912. The lowest mortality was recorded in Perth, viz, 10.8, and the highest in Glasgow, viz, 27.1 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 804, including diphtheria, 5; measles, 11; scarlet fever, 5, and 52 from whooping cough.

JAPAN—Nagasaki.—Ten days ended January 10, 1903. Estimated population, 131,700. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from cholera reported.

JAVA—Batavia.—Two weeks ended December 6, 1902. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from cholera reported.

Week ended December 27. No contagious diseases.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended January 10, 1903. Estimated population, 189,749. Total number of deaths, 191, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 3, and 1 from measles.

WEST INDIES—St. Thomas.—Weeks ended November 7, November 15, and November 28, 1902. Estimated population, 11,012. Total number of deaths, 23. No contagious diseases.

Month of December, 1902. Total number of deaths, 12. No contagious diseases.

Three weeks ended January 23, 1903. Total number of deaths, 24. No contagious diseases.